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MUNICH, WEST GERMANY (AP) -- FEDERAL POLICE ON THURSDAY ARRESTED A SECURITY OFFICIAL WHO ALLEGEDLY LEAKED SECRETS INVOLVING FORMER PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON AND FORMER CHANCELLOR KURT GEORG KIESINGER TO A LEFTIST NEWS MAGAZINE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IN KARLSRUHE SAID HANS LANGEMANN, A TOP SECURITY OFFICIAL IN THE BAVARIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE CHIEF OF SECURITY AT THE 1972 MUNICH OLYMPICS, WAS UNDER POLICE GUARD IN MUNICH.

THE SPOKESMAN WOULD NOT SAY WHY LANGEMANN HAD BEEN ARRESTED, BUT THE OFFICE ANNOUNCED TWO WEEKS AGO IT WAS CHECKING ACCUSATIONS OF A SECURITY LEAK.

LANGEMANN WAS SUSPENDED FROM HIS POST AT HIS OWN REQUEST FOLLOWING THE PUBLICATION IN THE MARCH EDITION OF THE HAMBURG-BASED MAGAZINE KONKRET OF AN INTERVIEW LANGEMANN GAVE TO JOURNALIST FRANK HEIGL.

THE MAGAZINE QUOTED LANGEMANN AS SAYING THE WEST GERMAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE BND HAD AN AGENT INFILTRATE THE CIRCLE CLOSE TO NIXON IN 1969 IN AN EFFORT TO INFLUENCE THE PRESIDENT IN FAVOR OF WEST GERMANY.

LANGEMANN DESCRIBED THE UNIDENTIFIED AGENT AS A PERSON CLOSELY CONNECTED TO NIXON WHO WAS ALSO LINKED TO THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE FORMER PRESIDENT, THE MAGAZINE SAID.

LANGEMANN, 57, WORKED FOR THE BND FROM 1957 TO 1970 AND THEN MOVED INTO THE BAVARIAN STATE INTERIOR MINISTRY. HE ASKED HE BE SUSPENDED FROM DUTY FOLLOWING THE MAGAZINE PUBLICATION.

IN 1972, HE WAS CHIEF OF SECURITY AT THE MUNICH OLYMPICS, WHERE 11 ISRAELI ATHLETES, FIVE PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS AND A WEST GERMAN POLICEMAN WERE KILLED IN A GUERRILLA RAID ON THE OLYMPIC VILLAGE AND A SUBSEQUENT CONFRONTATION AT A MUNICH AIRPORT.

BESIDES THE ALLEGATIONS ABOUT TRYING TO INFLUENCE NIXON, THE REPORT ON LANGEMANN IN KONKRET ALSO DESCRIBED HOW THE BND JOINED WITH THE CIA IN 1968 TO HIDE IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES IN WASHINGTON A DOCUMENT SAID TO BE POTENTIALLY EMBARRASSING TO KIESINGER, WHO WAS CHANCELLOR FROM 1966 TO 1969.

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